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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is being filed with a continuation application. Original claims 1-60 were cancelled on September 24, 1999 and new claims 61-68 were added. Please amend the above referenced application as follows:

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

DI 67. (amended) The method of Claim 61 wherein the bone loss is due to osteoporosis, Paget's disease, hypercalcemia, hyperparathyroidism, steroid-induced osteopenia, rheumatoid arthritis, osteomyelitis, osteolytic metastasis, or periodontal bone loss.

Please cancel Claim 68 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims:

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